

REMARKS

An Information Disclosure Statement has been simultaneously filed with the present Amendment.

The title has been amended to be clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Further, the specification has been amended to include the description of the reference character "10". A corrected drawing sheet is thus not required. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It should be appreciated that Washburn shows a fluorescent light of a type different than Holzer and the present invention. In particular, reflective layer 119 of Washburn reflects UV light towards a phosphor coating to increase electrical to UV efficiency (column 2, lines 58-61). However, it should be appreciated that inner glass envelope 111 of Washburn is not received in a compartment defined in electrode structures 115 as recited in claim 1 as filed. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that a person skilled in the art would not be motivated to modify Holzer based upon Washburn as they are incompatible designs. Further, if the reflective coating 119 were selected from Washburn (while discarding all other elements), such reflective coating 119 added to Holzer would either not function or would function in a manner not suggested by Holzer or Washburn. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 8 and 12 as originally filed has been overcome. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Further, claim 13 has been added to further define the present invention in a manner to distinguish over the prior art. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 13 is in condition for allowance for this separate and independent reason. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated consideration of the United States patents cited by applicant. By the lack of application of these references and others like them within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicant's fluorescent lamp which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner and by the applicant, whether those references are taken singly or in any combination, the Examiner is

requested to allow claims 2-11 and 13, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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